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NEWS OF THE LODGES.

PREPARATION FOR A GREAT OCCA-SION AT ALMOS TEMPLE.

Mysterious Preliminary Gatherings of Mystic Shriners-More Golden Cross Installations-Rechabite and Independent Mechanic Notes.

The following Masonic bodies meet upon the evenings of the ensuing week:

Subordinate Lodges. — Masonic Temple— Benjamin B. French No.15, Monday, 20th; Pentalpha No. 23, Monday, 20th; National No. 12, Tuesday, 21st; New Jerusalem No. 9, Thursday, 23d; St. John's No. 11, Friday, 24th; Hope, No. 20, Friday, 24th.

A. A. S. R. Sanctuary, 1007 G street—Cathedral: Harmony No. 17, Thursday, 23d.

Masonic Hall, Georgetown—Potomac No. 5, Monday, 20th; George C. Whiting No. 22, Thursday, 23d.

Masonic Hall, Uniontown—Anacostia No. 21, Monday, 20th.

Royal Arch Chapters.—Masonic Temple— La Fayette No. 5, Tuesday 21st, Washingten No. 2, Thursday, 23d; Eureka No. 4, Friday, 24th.

Masonic Hall Virginia avenue southeast—

Masonic Hall, Virginia avenue southeast— Naval No. 6, Tuesday, 21st.

Commanderies Knights Templar.—Masonic Temple—Washington No. 1, Wednesday 22d. Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite—Sanctuary, 1007 G street—Mithras Lodge of Perfection Tuesday 21st.

Mithras Lodge of Perfection will work the 6th, 7th, and 8th d grees next Tuesday evening.

Dr. Leroy M. Taylor, 33d degree, has returned from his place at Cherrystone in splendid health and full of stories about the fishing.

New Jerusalem Lodge No. 9 will confer the 1st and 2d degrees Thursday evening...... Washington Chapter No. 2 will confer the Royal Arch Thursday evening......Harmony Lodge No. 17 will confer the 3d degree Thursday evening.....Eureka Chapter No. 4 will confer the Past and Most Excellent degrees Friday evening.....Pentalpha Lodge No. 23 will confer the 1st and 2d degrees Monday evening.

On Friday evening Columbia Commandery No. 2 conferred the Order of the Temple, a full attendance being present to witness the knighting of the large class of candidates. In his observations the genial Recorder, Sir William Pittis, alluded in a very complimentary manner to the recent notice in Tue Herald relative to the Drill Corps. Sir William never allows any one to outdo him in courtesy or politeness.

Last Tuesday witnessed a somewhat unusual occurrence at the Scottish Rite Hall, that of two Scottish Rite bodies being in session the same evening in different rooms. Evangelist Chapter of Rose Croix was in regular conclave on the 18th degree in the blue room, and Albert Pike Consistory was occupying the Cathedral room and conferring the 31st degree on a class of nine aspirants, who, at the special meeting of the Consistory held on Thursday, were all present and received the

The meeting of the General Grand Chapter which occurs at Minneapolis on the 21st instant will take from Washington a large number of companions, and the Council of Royal and Select Masters, which meets at the same

time, will add to the number. Alex. McKenzie, the Grand High Priest of the District of Columbia, accompanied by the officers of the Grand Council, will attend, also, George E. Corson, of Washington Council No. 1, Royal and Select Masters. Harrison Dingman, the Eminent Commander of Washington Commandery No. 1, intends lengthening his stay into a protracted tour of the Western States, visiting Denver and other points of interest to Templars at this time.

The following, relative to one of the most popular Masons of the city, is clipped from the Cape May Daily Star: Mr. William S. Roose, of Washington, D. C., for many years one of Cape May's staunchest friends, whose love for her shores and interest in her prosperity does not weaken, arrived last evening, to remain among old friends several days. Mr. Roose thinks the Washington Light Infantry Corps will certainly conclude to come to Cape May late in August. Mrs. Roose is in New York City, visiting her son, Dr. W. S. Roose.

The current work of Mount Vernon Royal Arch Chapter No. 3, having reached that point where its convocations could be dispensed with for a brief period without detriment, it was voted at the regular convocation on the 13th instant to call off until the 24th proximo. The officers who have worked so faithfully with the Most Excellent High Priest in bringing the work to this satisfactory conclusion deserve this brief vacation. On August 24 next, which is the second regular stated convocation of the chapter, the Mark Master's degree will be conferred. The Most Excellent High Priest hopes for a large attendance.

Columbia Commandery alludes to the excursion of the Drill Corps on Tuesday, the 21st instant, as the Darling excursion, and advises everybody to take their darling wife and darling daughter. The Sir Knights who cannot follow the above advice throught the fault of non-possession can take an ordinary, plain, every-day darling, and will probably have as pleasant an evening as the husbands and the fathers. The name of the efficient chairman of the committee of arrangements gave an opportunity for the harmless pun which the Recorder is guilty of. He could have improved on the notice a little by promising to all who go "a Darling time."

On the 29th instant all that is beautiful and resplendent which is now hidden from view in the camphor chests of the Mystic Shrine will be exhumed. The Priests and Prophets will again have their swing in conferring this most August degree. It is rumored that the Cathedral will be especially fitted up for the occasion and the health and comfort of the band of candidates will be particularly cared for. Authorities state that a man's courage increases with the falling of the temperature and therefore to the average human mind those reckless atoms of frail mortality who will essay to unveil the Arabian secret on Wednesday week may be regarded as possessing more than the usual share of grit. Several mysterious gatherings in the upper stories of the Sanctuary of late, have suggested the holding of rehearsals but those who have entree to the hidden recesses declare in a very cautious manner that they partake more of the nature of experiments. The Shrine, if anything, is progressive, and with progression in this age must necessarily follow a close observance and due consideration of the latest and most approved scientific devices with which enthusiastic Shriners have improved and elaborated the ritual. Consequently THE HERALD correspondent, while as yet in doubt and darkness relative to the ultimate outcome of all the preparations for the Shrine night, was not altogether surprised to find several storage batteries with coils on colls of unstrong wires hidden away in a re-mote corner of the mysterious apartment devoted to the appliances of the Shrine when in disuse. The uses of these mechanical attachments are as yet kept entirely secret, but Nobles Bell and Fugitt, both of whom are

amateur electricians, state that the display of electric pyrotechnics will be exceedingly grand and entirely out of the usual order. Potentate F. G. Alexander is carefully preparing for the ordeal and has gotten his voice into excellent shape for the degree. The presence of C. W. Bennett will be sadly missed, as his individuality added much to the dignity of the order, but while far away in his Geneva home the boys feel assured that his heart is with them in the trouble. Noble Mix has with them in the trouble. Noble Mix has been industriously swinging Indian clubs and instructing Noble Byers in the intricate calesthenics of dumb-bell exercise for the past week, while Noble N. W. Johnston in his capacity of guide or conductor is taking daily trips upon the cable line and has the methods of the ticket takers of that hustling corporation down to a very fine point. Noble Baldwin is looking somewhat troubled and oppress ed as the season for annual dues is rapidly approaching and he is endeavoring to find a safe and profitable investment for the large amount of money which will be shortly entrusted to his care. Noble James H. Trimble is reading the latest editions of the most popular cook-books in hopes of discovering a summer menu which will surpass all his former efforts, while Noble Standiford is memorizing the popular ballads and bon-mots of the day The Kazoo orchestra has received a new ad dition in the person of Noble Atwater, whose high, clear tenor will be heard to excellent advantage as first cornet in this famous musical organization. The leader, Noble Jesse Grant, thinks he has secured a prize in his latest addition to the band and intends to resign all the solo parts to the new com-panion of Almas Temple. Several visitors from Baltimore and Philadelphia intend to enliven the occasion with their presence and although mid-summer weather is not conducive to comfort, yet the meeting of the Shrine on Tuesday week will probably be one of the most pleasant assemblies which Almas Temple has ever held.

Golden Cross Notes.

Mount Vernon Commandery meets tomorrow evening at Good Templar's Hall, and will confer the degrees on four candidates..... Meridian Commandery meets Friday at Societies' Temple......Capital Commandery meets Saturday at Golden Cross Hall, and will confer the degrees on one candidate.

At the last regular meeting of Anacostia Commandery Noble Commander Stephen Symonds presided. The public installation of officers was postponed to August 5. Sir Knight Thomas J. Putnam resigned the office of treasurer, and Sir Knight George F. Pyles was appointed to serve until the installation. Remarks on the good of the order were made by Grand Commander Ehle, Past Noble Commander Gold, and Noble Commander Newton, of Capital; Noble Commander Kesler, Lady Lillie A. Edelen, and Sir Knight Claude D. Kesler, of National; Noble Commander Symonds, Sir Knights Dony, Walson, Pyles, Cator, Putnam, Smithson, Pitcher, and others.

At the last regular meeting of Goodwill Commandery, the third degree was conferred on Thomas 8. Taylor and Mrs. Livonia 8. Taylor, The following officers were installed by Deputy Grand Commander Dr. S. J. Groot, assisted by Past Grand Commander George Redway and Deputy Grand Herald, William H. Pope; Noble Commander, Miss Adelaide Payne; Worthy Prelate, Rev. W. H. Schell; Noble Keeper of Records, Edward Steer; Financial Keeper of Records, Edward Steer; Financial Keeper of Records, Benjamis F. Moore, Treasurer, Frank C. Severance; Worthy Herald, Samuel H. Knight; Warden Inner Gate, Mrs. Louisa T. Watrous; Warder Outer Gate, James W. Cheney; Past Noble Commander, Hervey L. Knight.

At the last regular meeting of National Commandery, application for membership was received from W. H. Allen. The following officers were installed by Deputy Grand Commander R. H. Yates, assisted by Deputy Past Grand Commander Mrs. Lillie

A. Edelen, and Deputy Grand Herald, Samuel Howison; Noble Commander W. H. H. Kesler; Vice Noble Commander Miss Annie Beach; Worthy Prelate Mrs. Susan J. Kesler; Keeper of Records Leslie R. Trembly; Financial Keeper of Records Joseph B. Bailey; Worthy Herald Howard R. Norton; Warden Inner Gate Clande D. Kesler; Warden Outer Gate William H. Byers; Past Noble Commander Dr. Charles Allen.

At Columbia Commandery on Tuesday evening last, Noble Commander Dickinson president, the following officers were installed by Deputy Grand Commander George W. F. Streidy, assisted by Deputy Past Grand Commaneer W. H. H. Kesler, and Deputy Grand Herald, W. H. Pope; Noble Commander, Dr. James A. Dickinson; Vice Noble Commander, Mrs. Anna A. Harvey; Noble Keeper of Records, Charles B. Sayer; Financial Keeper of Records, Robert E. Harvey; Treasurer, Mrs. Hattie P. Dickinson; Worthy Herald, W. J. Holtman. Noble Commander Dickinson appointed Sir Knight Edward Q. Gunson and Ladies Nettie Cole and Martha J. Shotwell the committee on finance, and Ladies Jessie M. Blair, Hattle P. Dickinson the committee on the good of the order. Remarks on the good of the order were made by Noble Commander Dickinson, Sir Knights G. W. F. Streiby. C. B. Sayer, Noble Commander Newton, of Capital Com-mandery; Noble Commander Kesler, of National Commandery, and others. Lady Elizabeth Logan, of this commandery, is now on her way to Scotland, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Thomas Somerville, to visit their old home. Before returning they will also visit the prominent cities in the Old World.

At the regular meeting of Halcyon Commandery Friday, Noble Commander Wyllis S. Stetson presided. Deputy Grand Commander Thomas Humphrey, assisted by Deputy Grand Commander Dr. F. E. Park and Deputy Grand Herald W. H. Pope, installed Jos. Trainor as Noble Keeper of Records, and John C. Swift as Worthy Herald. Past Noble Commander G. E. Toepper is spending the summer at Oakland, Md. Grand ommander Ehle has offered prizes to the different commanderies: First, a Past Noble Commander's banner for the largest average attendance during the term proportionate to its resident membership; second, the choice of a pedestal, banner-stands, or a banner for commanderies initiating fifteen members during the term, two prizes for thirty memand all three for forty-five members; third, a Golden Cross pin to every member recommending four accepted beneficial candi-dates during the term. Remarks were made by Noble Commander Stetson, Sir Knights George H. Kline, Jos. Trainor, George J. P. Wood, R. D. Meston, Dr. F. E. Park, Thos. Humphrey, James S. Sharp, James C. Swift, James W. Loveless, and others, on the subject of making a vigorous effort to secure a por-tion of the prizes, and it was unanimously agreed to enter upon the work at once.

The Washington delegation to the High Tent, in session at Atlantic City since Tuesday last, have returned. They report that they have had the most harmonious session of the High Tent since its organization, there being nothing at all for the committee on appeals and grievances to do. The officers for the ensuing year are: A. M. Dewey, of this city, High Chief Ruler; F. T. Skipper, of North Carolina, High Deputy Ruler; L. H. Patterson, of this city, High Secretary Treasurer; Osborn Congelton, of Pennsylvania, High Lecturer; M. G. Saum, of Maryland, High Chaplain; Samuel Ellis, of this city, High Levite; John W. Dickerson, of Ohio, H. I. G.; W. F. Hewett, of North Carolina, H. O. G. Board of trustees: M. G. Saum, W. E. Kitzmiller, and J. L. Wright, of Maryland; Edgar Thompson, of Virginia, and J. J. Murray, of this city. The High Tent being incorporated under the laws of Maryland, a majority of the trustees must reside in Maryland. The reports of the officers and trustees show the order to be in a prosperous

condition. Among other matters of interest to the order in this city is the following: The publication of the Rechabite Advocate, the official journal of the order, is continued under the management of the High Chief Ruler and High Secretary-Treasurer; the appointment by the High Chief Ruler of Past High Chief Ruler Frank D. Russell, A. B., of New York; Past Grand Chief Ruler E. S. Woodford, of this city, and Past High Chief Ruler W. E. Kitzmiller, of Maryland, as delegates to the National Temperance Convention in session at Saratoga Springs was approved, and also his action in designing and issuing an emblematic lapel button for the Junior Order. A design for a reversible emblematic parade and funeral badge was adopted, provided that tents shall appear before the public uniformly, either wholly with badges or regalia. The High Chief Ruler was authorized to design and issue an emblematic lapel button for members of primary tents. Telegrams of greeting were exchanged by the High Tent and the National Temperance Convention in session at Saratoga at the same time. The executive officers were authorized to call a convention of representatives of the forty-two different temperance organizations in this country to meet in this city during the winter months for the purpose of organizing a federation of temperance societies. A new ritual was adopted for woman's tents. Junior tents were authorized to adopt such uniform and drill tactics as shall be approved by the woman's or primary tent under whose care the junior tent may be, providing, however, that junior tents must appear before the public wholly with either uniform or regalia. Mrs. A. M. McCarter, of Hagerstown, Md., in attendance at this session, was the first woman admitted to the High Tent under the new law. The fiftieth session of the HighTent will be held in Baltimore, on the second Tuesday in July next...... High Lecturer Osborn Congelton's first lecturing tour will be through New York

Odd Fellow Notes.

Beacon Lodge No. 15, initiated two candidates and received two applications......Past Grand McEuen is kept busy replying to questions of numerous friends as to the handsomebadge he recently received from Beacon Lodge. It should be stated that the badge was made by Mr. Ed Voight, manager of the Voight Manufacturing Company of Seventh street northwestAmong the visitors to Beacon Lodge on Monday night were Past Grands Bennett, of Covenant Lodge No. 13, and Eastern Lodge No. 7 Past Grand Joseph Burroughs, of Golden Rule Lodge, has charge of all the team work in his lodge and devotes himself assiduously to it..... Past Grand George Bennett has been deputized to install the officers of Covenant Lodge No. 13, who have not yet been installed.

Independent Order Mechanics.

La Fayette Lodge No. 13 held its regular session Thursday, Worthy Master Denham in the chair. Brother Bernan was present with his broken arm still in splints. W. H. Upton received his 2d degree. G. W. Keenan was reinstated. G. T. Jacobs was proposed for membership. C. F. Whitiock, of Baltimore, was present. J. E. Taylor has left for New York, for an indefinite period.

Goodwill Lodge No. 14 held its session July 14 at Dunlop's Hall, Thirty-second and Natreets northwest. The 2d degree was conferred upon one candidate. The Grand Architect, accompanied by the Grand Treasurer and Grand Conductor, installed the following officers: Senior Master, C. G. Reckert; Worthy Master, F. S. Neikirk; Junior Master, H. C. Simons; Recording Secretary, Otto Heitmuller; Financial Secretary, J. J. Trueman; Treasurer, Edw. J. Journey; Chaplain, G. W. Balinger; Conductor, Julius Schoenthai. Visitors: Past Grand Architect J. W. Thompson and Past Masters J. F. Skidmore and W. L. Klinehanse, of Lafayette No. 13.